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1. On 1 May 1951 the whole town of Czestochowa was decorated with national flags, the restrictions enforced in 1950 being relaxed, and people were allowed to move freely about the streets to watch the parade. Apart from the raucous loudspeakers bellowing slogans for Stalin and peace, the procession moved past in silence, and efforts to get the younger element among the by-standers to cheer Stalin merely provoked cries of "Long Live Stalin" (i.e., excrement).
2. As on previous occasions, a religious service was held at 7 p.m. on 3 May, the anniversary of the Polish Constitution of 1791, at the "Polish Lourdes", the Jasna Gora monastery outside Czestochowa. There an enormous crowd from the town and the neighboring districts, estimated at over 100,000, gathered in the vast square outside the monastery. After the service Bishop Czajka intoned the hymn "Boze cos Polske", which has been sung in Poland since the days of the Partition and each verse of which ends with the words "God return to us our Motherland and Freedom". The hymn was taken up enthusiastically by the whole crowd, all of whom were deeply moved. The celebrations continued until 9 p.m., and workers from such distant points as Rakow marched through Czestochowa on their way home still singing the "Boze cos Polske".

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